Contingent Workers in Geological Survey of India

3851. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the contingent workers employed in the Geological Survey of India as on 31st October, 1986 are borne on Muster Roll;

(b) if not, what other system is being followed;

(c) whether under the I.D. Act payments outside muster Roll are authorised;

(d) whether the contingent workers of the Geological Survey of India are allowed annual leave with wages and 16 Gazetted holidays in accordance with the I.D. Act, 1947;

(e) whether contingent workers appointed after the 31st October, 1977 have been recategorised in accordance with the scheme operating in the Geological Survey of India; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir Contingent workers engaged upto 20-3-1979 only are borne on Muster Rolls.

(b) For undertaking loading/unloading and other odd jobs, mazdoors are engaged by Geological Survey of India on daily wage basis for a maximum period of 180 to 200 days (corresponding to field seasons) in a year. Such casual workers are paid through vouchers.

(c) Provisions of I.D. Act are not applicable to casual/contingent workers of Geological Survey of India.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) and (f) Contingent Workers engaged upto 20-3-1979 on a continuous basis have been brought within the purview of the Departmental Scheme of recategorisation of contingent workers in Geological Survey of India. Assessment of no. of daily paid casual workers engaged after 20-3-79 has not yet been made.

Regional Offices of the Geological Survey of India

3852. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules were recently framed by Government to reserve the posts of the Heads of the Regional Offices of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for geologists only;

(b) whether such rules are in consonance with the policy of Government to avoid reservations at top levels;

(c) what is the reason that a Deputy Director General of Geophysics discipline is not eligible for the post of Head of the AMSE wing whose sole work is airborne Geophysical survey;

(d) if change in the existing rules is required, the reason for not changing the same; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to abolish the monopoly of Geology discipline for appointment for the posts of heads of the Regional Offices of the G.S.I.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) AMSE Wing is organised to execute integrated multi disciplinary survey techniques involving geologi-